

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-30 are pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 1-14.

Claim 13 has been cancelled in favor of new claim 29. New claims 17-30 are supported by the originally filed claims.

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim that which is considered the invention. In accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions, the claims have been amended to remove any lack of indefiniteness.

The Office Action asserts the presence of the term "obtainable," renders claims 1-3 unclear. In response, "obtainable" has been replaced with "obtained."

The claims have also been amended to remove broad range limitations together with narrow range limitations. The narrow ranges have been removed and made the subject of new dependent claims.

Claim 4 has been amended to clarify that the molecular weight average is a weight-average molecular weight. The Office Action asserts that because claim 4 does not identify which "average molecular weight" is being recited, the claim is unclear. In response, Applicants respectfully submit that unless specifically identified, one of ordinary skill in the art to which the present invention pertains understands "average molecular weight" to mean "weight-average molecular weight." Thus, the present claims have been amended to clarify this issue.

Claim 11 has been amended to clarify the percentage being recited. Specifically, claim 11 now states that the percentage is to be measured by weight.

Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected as allegedly being indefinite under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph (as well as 35 USC § 101) for failing to identify any steps in the process. In response, claims 15 and 16 have been amended to positively recite at least one method step each.

As the rejections have been overcome, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 and § 101 rejections, and passage of the application to allowance.

If any fee is necessary to make this paper timely and/or complete, such fees may be deduced from Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

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